



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: DEVICE FOR RESTRAINING THE RISE OF A STEP ROLLER OF A PEOPLE  
CONVEYOR

Mail Stop Issue Fee  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.312(a)**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request amendment of the present application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the second paragraph on page 13, lines 387-395, with the following paragraph:

Fig. 9 shows schematically a part of the endless path of the endless conveyor band 4 and particularly shows the steps 10 moving through a passenger conveying portion 6 or "inclined portion" with an escalator, through a transition portion 82, a turnaround portion 8, a further transition portion 84 and towards a return portion 5. As can be seen, the step rollers 18 are guided in the step roller track 20. Detail B in Fig. 10 clearly shows the second free end of portion spring 76 out of engagement from the step riser 58. Only during the passage through the first transition portion 82 the second free end 80 of ~~portion-torsion~~ spring 76 comes in engagement with the riser 58 of step 10 as can be seen in detail C of Fig. 11.